

PERSONAL USE FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 3-RS-I-07-19

Issued at: Glennallen, Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 15, 2019

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. August 31, 2019,
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order amends the schedule for the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District for the week of July 15, 2019.

REGULATION:

Consistent with 5 AAC 77.001(b) and 5 AAC 77.591 *Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan*, the personal use dip net salmon fishery in the Chitina Subdistrict of the Upper Copper River District will be open from 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 15 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 21.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner



by delegation to:

Mark A. Somerville
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Copper River personal use fishery is managed under direction of the *Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan* (5 AAC 77.591). The plan establishes the season from June 7 through September 30 and directs the department to establish weekly periods based on Miles Lake sonar counts. During June 1 – 7, there were 59,695 salmon counted past the Miles Lake sonar. The preseason projection for this period was 35,586 salmon, which results in a surplus of 24,109 salmon. In addition, the north bank sonar was removed, due to high water, starting July 3 and based on previous north bank counts an additional 15%–17% more salmon are assumed to have passed the sonar that were not counted from July 3–7. Copper River sockeye salmon migratory timing and the previous five-year average harvest and participation rates indicate sufficient numbers of salmon available to justify an increase of 102 hours above the preseason schedule to 168 hours of fishing time during the week of July 15 – 21.

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